WE CLAIM:

1. An interface, implemented in a computer, for controlling a production printer comprising:

    a display;

    a first page representation located on said display and operative to represent a portion of a document to be produced by said production printer, said portion characterized by the applicability of at least one ordered media attribute; and

    a first attribute representation associated with a first of said at least one ordered media attribute and located on said display, said first attribute representation comprising a symbolic representation operative to visually indicate on said display, the applicability of said first of said at least one ordered media attribute to said portion.

2. The interface of Claim 1, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises tab type.

3. The interface of Claim 2, wherein said tab type comprises a value specifying cut tabs.

4. The interface of Claim 1, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises tab media size.

5. The interface of Claim 4, wherein said tab media size further comprises a value specifying 9 x 11, 8 ½ x 11, A4 tab or A4.

6. The interface of Claim 1, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises number of tab cuts.

7. The interface of Claim 6, wherein said number of tab cuts comprises a number of tab pages in an ordered tab set.

8.   The interface of Claim 1, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises tab media orientation.

9.   The interface of Claim 1, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises total number of tab separator pages in said document.

10.   The interface of Claim 1, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises tab label edge offset.

11.   The interface of Claim 1, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises tab cut left indent.

12.   The interface of Claim 1, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises tab cut right indent.

13.   The interface of Claim 1, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises tab output order.

14.   The interface of Claim 13, wherein said tab output order further comprises a value specifying first-tab-first or last-tab-first.

15.   The interface of Claim 1, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises at least one tab label value.

16.   The interface of Claim 15, wherein said interface is further operative to visually indicate on said display, said tab label value and a formatting of said tab label value as it will appear when printed on said production printer.

17.   The interface of Claim 1, further comprising a user input device operative to allow a user to modify one or more of said at least one ordered media attribute.

18.   The interface of Claim 1, further comprising a user input device operative to allow a user to specify at least one frequently used configuration of said

at least one ordered media attribute, wherein said interface is further operative to generate at least one value of said at least one ordered media attribute based on said specified at least one frequently used configuration.

19.   A method, implemented in a computer, for controlling a production printer comprising a display, said method comprising:

   (a)   displaying a page representation on said display representing a portion of a document to be produced by said production printer, said portion characterized by the applicability of at least one ordered media attribute; and

   (b)   indicating, visually, on said display, said applicability of said at least one ordered media attribute to said portion utilizing an associated symbolic representation of said at least one ordered media attribute.

20.   The method of Claim 19, wherein (b) further comprises displaying a symbolic representation of a tab cut in relation to said page representation according to said at least one ordered media attribute.

21.   The method of Claim 19, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises tab type.

22.   The method of Claim 21, wherein said tab type comprises a value specifying cut tabs.

23.   The method of Claim 19, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises tab media size.

24.   The method of Claim 23, wherein said tab media size further comprises a value specifying 9 x 11, 8 ½ x 11, A4 tab or A4.

25.   The method of Claim 19, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises number of tab cuts.

26. The method of Claim 25, wherein said number of tab cuts comprises a number of tab pages contained in an ordered tab set.

27. The method of Claim 19, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises tab media orientation.

28. The method of Claim 19, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises total number of tab pages in said document.

29. The method of Claim 19, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises tab label edge offset.

30. The method of Claim 19, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises tab cut left indent.

31. The method of Claim 19, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises tab cut right indent.

32. The method of Claim 19, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises tab output order

33. The method of Claim 32, wherein said tab output order further comprises a value specifying first-tab-first or last-tab-first.

34. The method of Claim 19, wherein said at least one ordered media attribute comprises at least one tab label value.

35. The method of Claim 34, wherein (b) further comprises indicating visually on said display, said tab label value and a formatting of said tab label value as it will appear when printed on said production printer.

36. The method of Claim 19, further comprising:

  (c) receiving modifications to said at least one ordered media attribute.

37. The method of Claim 19, further comprising:

    (c)   receiving a specification of at least one frequently used configuration of said at least one ordered media attribute; and

    (d)   generating at least one value of said at least one ordered media attribute based on said specified at least one frequently used configuration.

38. A graphic user interface for a production printer console for controlling the printing of a document and application of one or more media/finishing attributes, said one or more media/finishing attributed comprising at least one ordered media attribute, said document comprising one or more pages each comprising a subset of said one or more media/finishing attributes, at least one of said one or more pages comprising said at least on ordered media attribute, said graphic user interface comprising:

    a page representation representing said at least one of said one or more pages to be produced;

    a ordered media attribute representation coupled with said page representation and operative to symbolically represent said at least one ordered media attribute on said page representation.